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FOREIGN AND INSULAR

AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY—Examination of Rats for Plague Infection.

The following information was taken from bulletins issued by the department of public health of New South Wales:

During the four weeks ended June 24, 1911, 1,265 rats were examined. No plague-infected rats were found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909.

The last plague-infected rat was found April 25, 1910.

AUSTRIA.

TRIESTE—Cholera.

Information was received July 31 from the American consul of the occurrence of 7 cases of cholera with 2 deaths.

BRAZIL.

MANAOS—Yellow Fever.

The American consul reports July 29 the occurrence of 3 cases of yellow fever.

RIO DE JANEIRO—Plague.

The American consul reports for the week ended June 17 the presence of a case of plague in the isolation hospital.

CHINA.

HONGKONG—Plague—Plague Rats.

Surg. Brown reports June 20:

During the week ended June 16, 30 cases of plague with 23 deaths were reported. The number of rats taken was 1,869, of which number 24 were found to be plague-infected.

Seven days' detention of steerage passengers is enforced at Mariveles quarantine station, Philippine Islands, against Hongkong.

FRANCE.

Cholera at Marseille.

Minister Bacon at Paris reported to the Department of State July 28:

Under the terms of the sanitary convention,¹ the foreign office informs 8 cases of cholera in Marseille July 20, but none since then. These cases do not constitute contamination, as referred to in article 7.

¹ The International Sanitary Convention of Paris, 1903.